WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A fluid damper,

comprising:

- a. a frame, said frame including a base, a wall portion extending outwardly from said frame said wall portion possessing an end, said frame defining an aperture therethrough;
- b. a stepped edge portion located at said end of said wall portion said stepped edge portion positioned to at least partially circumvent said aperture;
- 10 c. a first flange said first flange being movable in said aperture;
 - d. a skirt connected to and movable with said first flange, said skirt terminating in a stepped edge portion lying adjacent to said stepped edge portion of said wall portion of said frame;
- e. a second flange, said first flange positioned in overlying relationship with said second flange; and
 - f. means for moving said first flange relative to said second flange, said first and second flanges riding on said stepped edge portion to move from a first position leaving said aperture open to a second position at least partially closing said aperture.
 - 2. The damper of claim 1 in which said wall portion of said frame and said shirt are ring-shaped.
- The damper of claim 1 which further comprises a
 fastening bracket connected to said frame.

- 4. The damper of claim 1 in which said means for moving said first flange comprises a spindle connected to said first flange.
- 5. The damper of claim 4 in which said wall portion of said frame and said shirt are ring-shaped.

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- 6. The damper of claim 4 which further comprises a fastening bracket connected to said frame.
- 7. The damper of claim 4 in which said means for moving said first flange comprises a spindle connected to said first flange.